

***REMARKS***

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 26, 2004, the Applicants' representative filed a Reply and Amendment on October 26, 2004. It is respectfully submitted that a *bona fide* attempt to reply to the Office Action mailed on July 26, 2004 was made by the Applicants and/or the Applicants' representative. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) was mailed on May 3, 2005. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicated that the Reply and Amendment did not include a proper status identifier for each of the claims

Accordingly, this submission includes Appendix A, which includes a new "Amendments to the claims" section. The new "Amendments to the claims" section includes a complete listing of the claims along with a proper status identifier for each of the claims.

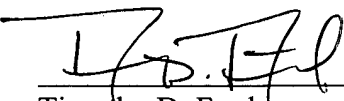
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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**Enclosures:** Appendix A – replacement “Amendments to the claims” section